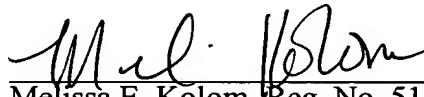


REMARKS

The Office Action alleges that the Response to Restriction Requirement dated April 8, 2004 was not fully responsive because the Response did not elect one of the Groups of claims, as required. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action. Indeed, an election of the claims of Group 1, with traverse, was made in the Response dated April 8, 2004. A copy of the Response as filed is enclosed herewith, with the election of claims highlighted.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,



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